



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Howard E. Rhodes

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For: TRENCH ISOLATION FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2003 (Paper No. 39), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks section begins on page 8 of this paper.